Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* What is the amount per mile allotted for the repair of the trunk roads in the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I think for the Irinjakkuda Municipality it is Rs. 600 a mile.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* What was the condition of those roads when you inspected it last?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This is the maintenance season of the roads and some of the repairs have not yet been completed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Are the roads of the Irinjalakkuda Municipality in a worse condition than the roads of the other Municipalities?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I cannot say. As I said in the House just now this is the time when repairs are being done. At present the roads in the Trichur Municipality even are not in a satisfactory condition. But they will be in good condition after the repairs are over.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Chief Engineer checks to see that the amounts allotted are spent properly?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There is a supervision by the P.W.D., of these roads.

ROAD FROM KOMBODINJAMAKKAL TO VELLANGALLUR—REPAIRS TO

42. Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Government is aware of the present miserable condition of the road from Kombodinjamakkal to Vellangallur and will its repair be attended to before the close of this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The repair work has already been taken up and will be completed this year,

ROAD FROM KALLETTUMKARA TO THAZHAKKAT—CONSTRUCTING

43. Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—when will the work of constructing the road from Kallettumkara to Thazhakkat, which is a long pending affair, be taken up?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

The work has been provided for in the programme of the present Road Board. It will be taken up for execution after the programme has been approved by the Government.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is it still pending with the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It has been approved.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will it be taken up soon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

MATERNITY LEAVE—GRANT OF—ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE ON ACCORDING

44. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state whether additional expenditure is borne by the Government owing to maternity leave arrangements?

Mr. P. V. Raphel *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Have the Government any objection to follow a policy of recruiting only unmarried ladies into the service because the Government is incurring a huge loss on account of this maternity leave arrangements?

Mr. President: That is a question which should be directed to the Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Are there not rules in other governments also, probably India or outside, that only unmarried ladies ought to be appointed in government service.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I am not aware of any such les that unmarried girls only should be appointed. As a matter of fact I know that married girls are appointed.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REGARDNIG

45. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they came across a note entitled (ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ യാത്രപ്പടി) (the travelling allowance of officers) in the "Jenmabhoomi", dated 1st Edavam 1119, page 5:

(*b*) will Government please enquire into the allegation contained in the note that a certain high official in the State service is drawing inordinately large amounts by way of Travelling allowance:

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